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Track Prospects.

The track prospects for this season are rather bright. Manager Scoon has succeeded in arranging a meet with St. Lawrence University on Steuben Field and a dual meet with Colgate at Hamilton. In addition there will be the regular Spring Field Day. Mr. Watson has been engaged for five weeks and will doubtless have the team in good condition for the important meets.

The team will be fairly strong in the sprints and hurdles and very strong in jumps and pole vault. In the other events our strength is uncertain. In the sprints there will be Captain Sicard, '06, MacDonald, '06, Roseboom, '08, Roenke, '09, Hull, '08. It is expected that ex Captain Roosa will be unable to run this year and this deprives us of our best quarter miler and low hurdler. Sicard and Holley, '08, however, can be depended upon to do well in the hurdles. In the middle distances MacLean, '08, Roseboom, '08, Grossmeyer, '07, Getman, '09, are all men of some experience and speed. Meeker, '07, in the mile, and Smith, '08, in the two-mile, both did well in the Intercollegiate last year and great improvement is expected in their work this spring.

Ferris, '06, Holley, '08, Peck, '07, Roosa, '06, all have marks in the broad jump at about 21 feet. A host of other men of promise all capable of close to 20 feet. In this event we should be very strong. Carroll, '06, and Bagg, '07, can be backed to do good work in the high jump, as both have done close to our record. A number of other men are doing well in the indoor work. Scoon, '07, Holley, '08, Stone, '09, Leavenworth, '09, all ought to clear the bar at close to ten feet this spring, and at any rate they will insure a good performance in the pole vault.

In the weights Thompson, '06, Swetman, '07, Cody, '08, have fairly good practice marks but are erratic in competition. If they gain consistency we can

look for points in these events. All in all, the outlook is not brilliant, but hard work should turn out an average team, and with good luck an unusually good one. Hard work does it.

The Interscholastic.

The Interscholastic Field Meet will be held on Saturday, May 12. The following schools have been invited: LaFayette High, Buffalo; East High, Rochester, U. F. A., Albany High, Geneva, Auburn, Binghamton, Elmira, Johnstown, Walton, Gouverneur, Clinton, Jenner's Prep., Syracuse, Rome, Cornwall, Scranton, Little Falls, Batavia. It seemed best to the committee to offer no invitation to either Syracuse High or Colgate Academy. The committee will be glad to confer with anyone as to schools to be put on the list or new territory to be invaded.

As heretofore a valuable set of medals will be awarded and a banner to the winning team. By careful management the committee hopes to make the day of no expense to the Athletic Association and if possible to pay for the entertainment in the Commons. With a good day and a fair crowd this can be done. The Department of Oratory is not yet prepared to make an announcement of the schools represented in the Prize Speaking Contest, but there is never any difficulty about filling the list.

It is not too early for the College to plan for this day and to aid in every way to make it a grand success and a good advertisement for Hamilton.

—After all the scurfs around College and in LIFE on poor old "Gib," perhaps it would be fitting to say a word in his behalf. His Glee Club picture, the track and basket-ball pictures are all good. The only trouble with them is that "Gib's" space is too small for large groups, necessitating too many rows in the photograph.

Brown University Athletics.

The Faculty and Corporation of Brown University have recommended to the student body radical changes in the regulation of intercollegiate athletics, though still leaving complete executive power in undergraduate hands. The recommendations represent the general tendency throughout the college world which have followed on the general upheaval of the past months. As a representative system of the new movement, LIFE thinks it worth while to devote space to the complete recommendations made by the faculty to the student body. The following statements were presented by the Faculty:

That intercollegiate athletic contests as at present conducted are attended by evils demanding immediate remedy is a conviction that has forced itself recently on all our educational institutions. Exaggeration of the importance of athletics; systematic evasion of rules of eligibility; secret inducements in money or its equivalent; excessive luxury, extravagance, and often mismanagement in the use of funds; frequent discourtesy, unfairness, and brutality in the conduct of games,—these are evils apparently characteristic of intercollegiate athletics everywhere. Unless they can be eliminated, it is evident that these contests cannot be allowed to continue.

For several years this Faculty has sought, through the Intercollegiate Conference on Athletics and otherwise, to devise by intercollegiate agreement some effective plan for dealing with these evils. Having failed in this endeavor, and earnestly desiring to make possible the continuance of these contests for the good there is in them, it has decided to take independent action along lines in some respects radically different from those in favor elsewhere. It believes that in dealing with this situation, a sharper separation should be made than heretofore between those matters with which faculties ought to

and can successfully deal, and those with which they can not, and that the responsibility for the latter should be placed in the hands of the students themselves. The Faculty should endeavor to subordinate athletic interests to the intellectual aims of the college and put them in their proper place in college life; should determine under what rules as to scholarship and attendance participation in athletics should be allowed; and should insist, by means of such regulations as can be practically enforced, that the games be made clean, honorable and gentlemanly. In so far as it is impossible to eradicate evils by means of legislation, and in so far as matters are by their very nature of particular concern to the students themselves, the students should be made responsible for them. Thus to students should be entrusted the choice of regulations concerning organization, rules of play and eligibility, apart from matters of scholarship and attendance; and of them must be demanded that they conduct their games and affairs honestly and fairly.

In accordance with this principle the faculty has decided to adopt a set of regulations, subject to such additions and revisions in the future as circumstances may seem to require. The main features of these regulations, so far as they differ from those now in force, are as follows:

1. The appointment, subject to the approval of the Corporation, of a Supervisor of Athletics, among whose duties shall be the exclusion from teams of men who are physically unfit; control of finances; supervision of the work of managers; supervision of coaching and training; and so far as he can accomplish it, the maintenance of proper standards of play and conduct.

2. Limitation of the absences allowed for athletic purposes to a number not exceeding that which any student may take without being required to account for them.

3. The exclusion of all students who have entrance conditions; and of all who have deficiencies amounting to more than four hours for the preceding term, or more than nine hours for all previous terms.

4. The exclusion of all students in their first year of residence, and of graduate students.

5. The retention in the hands of the Faculty of the power and obligation imposed upon it by the Corporation to

make such modifications in the future as the interests of the university may seem to require.

The Faculty realizes that these provisions do not provide a complete remedy for the evils in the present situation, and believes that it cannot devise any set of regulations capable of enforcement that can fully accomplish the desired end. The final responsibility for clean and sensible sport must rest with the students themselves. The Faculty sincerely trusts that the students will accept the responsibility and will frame such regulations as may do away with existing evils so far as lies in their power, and will heartily co-operate in enforcing them.

Subject to the restrictions enumerated above, the faculty hereby entrusts to the students the power to determine and the obligation to enforce the rules of organization, of eligibility and of play, under which their contests shall be conducted. The only further conditions it imposes are that the first set of rules passed by them shall be submitted to the faculty for approval; that no change in existing rules or in rules subsequently adopted shall go into effect until the beginning of the academic year following their adoption; that such changes shall not be inconsistent with the ends which the plan hereby announced has in view, and that a copy of every change in these rules shall be filed with the Secretary of the faculty as soon as it is adopted.

It is evident that by this plan larger restrictions than heretofore are imposed upon the students, and larger responsibilities entrusted to them. The faculty can see no other way in which the situation now existing can be fairly dealt with, and is convinced that upon the success or failure of this plan in providing a remedy for existing evils must depend the continuance or the abolition of intercollegiate athletics.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

At Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock tomorrow Dr. Root will address the meeting. This is the last meeting of the present administration. We are especially anxious that all shall hear the message that Dr. Root brings, as it bears closely upon our prospective work as an organization. Let us give the speaker his customary full audience, even though "exams" are on.

President-elect Scoon expects to attend the Presidents' Conference at Williamstown during vacation.

Schedule of Examinations.

SENIORS.

Saturday—9 a. m., German W., Hebrew.

Monday—9 a. m., Elementary Law; 2 p. m., Histology, Latin.

Tuesday—9 a. m., Pedagogics.

Wednesday—9 a. m., Hist. of Philosophy; 2 p. m., French, W., Ex. Hall.

Thursday—9 a. m., Geology, Greek; 2 p. m., Chemistry.

Friday—9 a. m., English Literature, Adv. Physiology.

JUNIORS.

Saturday—9 a. m., German, Mineralogy; 2 p. m., French, Cl.

Monday—9 a. m., Exp. Psychology; 2 p. m. Chemistry, Cl., Histology, L. S.

Tuesday—9 a. m., History of Eng., Astronomy; 2 p. m., Mam. Anatomy, Cl., Eng. Lit.

Wednesday—9 a. m., Am. History; 2 p. m., Bibliography.

Thursday—9 a. m., Economics.

Friday—9 a. m., Book of Job.

SOPHOMORES.

Saturday—9 a. m., German, Ls.; 2 p. m., Greek, French, L. S.

Monday—9 a. m., Hygiene, Ex. Hall; 2 p. m., Chemistry, L. S.

Tuesday—9 a. m., Latin; 2 p. m., Mam. Anatomy, L. S.

Wednesday—9 a. m., Rhetoric, L. S., b and c; 2 p. m., French, Cl., Ex. Hall.

Thursday—9 a. m., Eng. Lit.; 2 p. m., Eng. Lit.

Friday—Hist. of Eng. Bible.

FRESHMEN.

Saturday—9 a. m., Latin, Appleton-Krumholtz, Latin, Leavenworth-Wilson, Greek.

Monday—9 a. m., Hygiene, L. S., Ex. Hall; 2 p. m., Greek, Ex. Hall.

Tuesday—9 a. m., History of Eng., L. S., a; German, L. S., b and c.

Wednesday—9 a. m., Rhetoric; 2 p. m., French, L. S., Ex. Hall.

Thursday—9 a. m., Algebra, I; 2 p. m., Algebra, II.

Friday—9 a. m., Bibl. Geography.

Dr. Hitchcock voiced the unanimous sentiment of the College and the alumni of Amherst concerning football at a mass meeting of the students last Saturday in these words: "Football has come and it has come to stay at Amherst." This is a much better policy to follow than the policy of Columbia; to wait and discuss a question fully before making any final decision. It would have been much better had Columbia waited a while before abolishing football. For even she has decided to play football again, as it has been played, if it is necessary. Her first decision to abolish football, when all the athletic world was excited over its fate, looks now as it did then, like a grandstand play.

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WITH THIS ISSUE the Senior members of the LIFE Board sever their connection with the paper. To the new incumbents in the responsibility of continuing the work of this publication we give "good cheer and fair success." The task is no sinecure, nor has it been. In many things LIFE has fallen far short of its possibilities; in some things we hope it has done well. "That which is written is written." LIFE's policy may not be ideal, but it is practical, and, we believe, good. The field of influence is ample and still increasing. The paper has striven and will strive to approximate an expression of undergraduate sentiment and to mirror and to mould college life in its best phases.

THOUGH A SMALL AMOUNT of coasting has been our lot this year there has been much trouble over stolen sleds. What could be more aggravating than to be in a hurry to catch a car and find that someone has appropriated the sled which you had intended to use? This very thing has happened not a small number of times this winter. Not only is the sled used by the pilferer but often he fails to draw it back up the Hill. Upon being asked, the average man would gladly lend his sled. However, it would be too much trouble to ask permission.

No doubt a good deal of this trouble is to be traced to the young element from the village, yet it is known that countless students have been guilty of this same mean act. After a little thought any man can not help but see that it is censurable and ought to be stopped. That old saying about "treating others accordingly" is *apropos* here.

NOW THERE IS SOMETHING new in the English Lit. course. Any Sophomore who has a desire to take Shakespeare or some other branch of the English course during his upper-classman years is forced to spend three hours a week next term in studying that unnutritious subject called Old English. The head of the department claims that our understanding of this subject is fundamental to our appreciation of Shakespeare and even of the more modern writers of the language. This is saying that heretofore the course in Shakespeare has been to some extent illfounded. Notwithstanding the Lit. "fiends" of the Senior class believe that they have a firm grasp upon the subject, though none of them have had the Old English course which is held up as fundamental to Shakespeare.

To us this seems entirely unreasonable. There are men in the Sophomore Class who are strongly desirous of taking the Lit. course next year, yet they can not do so unless they take three hours a week for a whole term in what seems to them a profitless course. We believe the position taken by the head of the department in this matter to be unfair. No one questions the advisability of having Old English in the curriculum; but it should be elective, and the fact that a man has not taken it should not bar him from the rest of the English course.

THE ROMANCE of college life is almost a thing of the past. The present day absorption in the strenuities of athletics has shattered many of the old ideals of what is yet deemed by the mass college life. New outcroppings of common sense and practicality have denuded the college, and the college man of the old earmarks of his vocation. The times have changed and with the last few decades has passed the dreamy, romantic, bewhiskered, bebeavered stripling that graced the college halls of the 60's and 70's.

Of a truth, the older days were not ideal, or at least would not seem so to us. While much that we have lost has

been well lost, still there are some things that judgment bids us cling to. Many customs and traditions have been consigned to the limbo of Time's curiosity shop with a sense of relief. But there is danger of the destruction of others which we can ill afford to lose. The old distinction of classes—class precedence,—the old social traditions, the slight regulations of dress in the under classes, are things that we can ill afford to neglect and things that add much to college life.

The greed of gold has invaded our halls. How can we raise money for athletics? A subscription for this, a subscription for that. But all this will tone down in time and the danger is that in the upheaval we will lose what remnants we have of the good old times. The atmosphere of college life is getting rare. The personal touches, the friendships, the intimacies have less chance. We have too little time to loaf and invite our souls. The college man of today is not as ripe-minded, as mature, as he of earlier date. More practical, more worldly, perhaps, but here we stand for broad culture, individual development, and to gain our end most effectively we need atmosphere and college life. We believe that college traditions embody these things in part and thus are valuable. If we cannot keep them by spirit and word of mouth, let us have them on paper.

Our fathers and predecessors doubtless scoff at such an idea. How did they feel half a century or quarter of a century ago? They were right then. Youth needs illusionment, imagination, problems of its own. Destroy these and you destroy the better grip on life in the world. We are too practical, too worldly, too saturated with realistic hyperbole. A firm grip on tradition will help us to a better poise.

The Editor-elect of Life.

At a meeting of the LIFE Board held Thursday evening E. M. Clark, '07, was unanimously elected editor for the coming year. Clark has been a valuable member of the staff since spring term of his Freshman year, and graduates from the local department, which he handled with great ability, to the editorship deservedly. J. H. Morgan, '08, was chosen business manager to take the place of R. B. Jerome, '07, who has done excellent work in that business field. Two new members were added to the Board from the Freshman Class, Aron and Butler. With this issue Drummond, Brokaw, Mann, Maynard and Thompson, of the Senior Class, end their connection with the publication.

Final Junior Chapel.

The Junior Class celebrated its last attendance at Wednesday noon chapel in traditional style. Just to make the Freshmen feel at home, the Juniors urged the "hats off" request at the Chapel door, but extended the kind invitation to members of its own class, and even the portly Hoyt, of J. P. Morgan proportions and deportment, was forced to part with his head-gear. Like Cerberus guarding the doors to the underworld, they stood, a valiant band ready to horse reverencing Freshmen. The arrival of "Hank" White was the occasion for a great outburst of glee, and after he had taken his place on the platform, in double file the '07 host marched into the Chapel singing, "We are the stuff". After circling with military fervor the flanks of the Chapel pews, the class took their accustomed benches, and Gilbert, like the Saxon, yellow-haired Harold of yore, led his mighty hosts in a far-ringing battle cry. The 1906 delegation with considerable gusto gave them a cheer, and the Freshmen, enthused out of their usual dignity and superiority, followed suit.

Bright's appearance failed to live up to its connotation, so "Hank" White said. At all events he was given a warm reception by his class mates. With more cents than sense, according to the aforementioned authority, they proceeded to donate various odd coins for Bright's benefit. Squelched by a fearful phillipic, with nothing said about an appeal to college men, the fun subsided for a time, but the appearance of the yellow-haired president was too much. As usual he talked about what he has the least of, and from the depths of the first three rows there came a shower of the filthy lucre. Its arrival was timely, for Gilbert was just making some awe-inspiring remarks about "their ill-gotten gains." Although in a way halt and blind, he finished his oration, and his appreciative audience recited in unison the closing line "And not one cent for tribute." "Hank" then delivered his oration, to the effect that the Chapel had pews for the righteous but not one seat for sinners. Clark and Grossmeyer left en masse. As they retired one could hear them mumble "My only regret is that I have not one cut left to give for my classmate." Brown was on the job also with considerable untimed humor and Jerome got his sense of the ridiculous into play with his usual facility. One Freshmen brought the proceedings to a dismal close, with the exception of a little carpenter work by "Hank" White, performed mostly with a large unsparing hammer. The Juniors left, although it is said that several tried to hide in the pews until the road was clear to sweep up the scattered coins. It is not authentically reported who got them.

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College Notes.

—The O. S. Club attended the Majestic last Friday evening.

—McCarthy, '08, who has water on the knee, is improving slowly.

—Skip while you can. Westcott is coming with the laundry bills.

—The Chess Club posed for Gibbon to do his deadly work last Wednesday.

—Last Saturday Gilbert and Jerome left noon Chapel on a hurry call from "Hank."

—Did anyone ever propose the installation of the honor system here? Why not talk it over?

—The *Hamiltonian* Board still sticks to the assertion that its book will be out by May 15th. Here's hoping.

—Leaving out the only question "Prex" cared for did not help the standing of some of his Bible sharks.

—Both under-classes are interested in the flag row. Each vows to win, so there will be something exciting soon.

—A number of Sophomores elected "Applied Trig." Can it be that they are hoping for another course of cuts?

—The Freshman Class Basket-ball team had its picture taken last week at "Gib's." Wilson, Roenke, Osborne, Felt, Hopkins, Kneeland and Stone adorned it.

—"Wardie" does not allow snowballing in his recitations, so "Nick" Holmes withdrew to the Campus Thursday.

—The Senior banner committee has been selected and will soon have their black and gold hanging in the Chapel.

—The Freshman basket-ball team have been awarded their numerals by the class and have been presented with jerseys.

—The 1907 *Hamiltonian* will contain at least one bit of news. In Ferris' "College Honors" appears "Glee Club, (4)." Neat!

—Simmons tried to induce "Schnitz" to meet the Sophomores Thursday. It is hard to understand just what motive prompted him.

—The cry goes up all over the Hill of sleds stolen, pinched or carried off. It looks very much as if there might be trouble in the air for someone.

—The Sophomores' final examination in German was held last Friday. "Schnitz" cracked his old joke about not asking the examiner questions.

—Stealing papers from a Professor's desk is a crime not to be countenanced. Every effort should be made to apprehend and punish the offenders.

—Cady Allen, Sprague, Anibal and Dunwell were shut out of the chemistry exam. That is, "Stink" excused them on account of their high standing.

—The Sophomore basket-ball team had its picture taken at Gibbon's, Wednesday last. Weeks, Jones, Henderson, Smith, Bate, Joralemon, Williams were in the picture.

—"Bill" Mahady has remembered all friends with long lists of eatables purchased during the term "on which there is now due and owing the sum —." Thank you, Bill.

—And the war goes on. "Dribbles" shows where his heart is, by flaunting a red cravat in the faces of the Sophomores, while "Square" flares back with one of bright green.

—A wish to experience the sensation of being Arctic explorers led some adventurous spirits to Utica Wednesday night. They had all the sensations before they got back.

—Some of the Sophomore "Prize Stabbers" have been selected. "Prex," announced the first six on Wednesday. Adams, Allen, Fitch, H. Holley, Dunwell and Branch make up the number. Nine Sophomores are to speak next term and from these the other four will be selected.

—Last Monday "Bug" Thompson accidentally swallowed a dime deeply imbedded in one of "Madame's" sweets. The dime refused to return, but we hope the change will do him good.

—The Job Lots Glee Club held its first rehearsal in the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday. The meeting was a sort of overflow from the Sophomore prayer meeting above, though neither party will own up to it.

—The Seniors have been declared class champions in basket-ball, although the scheduled game with the Juniors has never been played. 1907 yields them the palm, however, without the formality of a game.

—It is a good thing for them, that the Utica theatres and "grub centers" do not depend on Hamilton patronage during exam. week. (Notice that we have not mentioned that Madame Kelly is running short of oil).

—At a meeting of the Sophomore Class last Friday considerable business was transacted. Among other things they voted to hold a banquet or smoker at Cooperstown or some other place on some date not yet fixed.

—A new departure, or rather, a return to the old regime, will be made next term, when the Sophomores and Freshmen have their Wednesday rhetoricals together. A ghost of the "old-time Chapel" may be looked for.

—Talk about the old days of magic and black art. Last Tuesday, during "Bib's" trip to the Library for paper, a fire mysteriously appeared in the grate. No one could be found who knew anything about it, so they had to let it burn.

—All weather prognostications are declared off from this time forth and forever more. Who would have expected eighteen inches of snow in March and such drifts as now decorate the landscape? Even Peter was dumbfounded.

—The "dink-day" roll is increasing daily as men get shut out of exams. The letters home contain the interesting news that "on account of the work during the term I am not compelled to take the exam." It's an old game, but it usually works—once.

—Is one of our Seniors married or not? The question seems to be of timely interest. The person most concerned stoutly denies it. Others who claim to know, say that it's a fact, with serious faces. *Lux et Veritas* on the matter would ease some minds.

The Original Job Lots.

The Job Lots athletic teams have become such a recognized and enjoyable part of our athletic organization that a little history may not be out of place. In overhauling the early numbers of the *Lit.*, *Campus* and other college records, our historian disclosed the following interesting fact: That the first mention of a Job Lots team in the documentary history of the College is that found in the *Lit.* for 1866. The then name of the team was "The Muffers" and it was a baseball organization which competed with another team chosen from the College. This knowledge immediately puts the Job Lots on a pedestal of dignity to which they have hitherto not dared to aspire. It is another proof of the old saw, "There's nothing new under the sun."

The March Lit.

The March *Lit.* is now in the throes of production and may be expected some time before the first of April. As usual we find it difficult in glancing over the proof sheets to pass any judgment worth while on the production as a whole. The *Lit.* this year is a considerable improvement over the publication of the past few years in some ways. It, however, shows a predilection for the pseudo-decadent, the purely artistic, the merely rhythmic forms of literary expression. And occasionally we find bits of fiction well nigh Merriwellian in *motif* and style.

The first page is filled with a sonnet titled, "The World of Thomas Hardy." This verse has to its credit verbal felicity, clever paradox, smooth rhythm, etc. As a postlude to an essay on Hardy it would be excellent, but its one fault is that standing by itself it fails to impart a clear impression.

"The Ocean," an oration by Day, '07, is an excellent piece of descriptive writing. It hardly possesses the developed theme necessary to an oration, but as a study it is well thought out and very well written.

"Beyond the Barrier," by Edgerton, '06, will delight the Senior class in philosophy, as it will provide them with an excellent transcript of the lectures in the philosophy course. The tale has a tinge of medieval mysticism grafted cleverly to our work-a-day life. The writer has patently been influenced by William Harder Squires and Marie Corelli.

Just where the merit of a story like "Thellenarda," by Simmons, '08, lies, is a quandary. Granting it clever dialog, good grammar, and some traces of ability, its theme, or plot, is so trifling, so beyond the bounds of even a morbid invention, that it passes wit or humor and plumps into the slough of the pitiful.

"The Humorist and the Automobile," by Peck, '07, is a sketch in Peck's usual clever vein.

"Criticus" soliloquizes on the Kappa Beta Phi society which has lately had a shadowy resurrection at Hamilton. His conclusions are judicial and to the point, though doubtless they will not pass unchallenged. An excellent editorial comment on Interscholastic Day, the usual exchanges and locals make up the remainder of an interesting issue.

Clark in Supreme Court.

William W. Clark, county judge of Steuben County, who has just been appointed justice of the Supreme Court to

succeed the late Justice Parkhurst, was born in Elkin, Ill., in 1858. When he was but a few months old his parents removed from Elgin to Clark's Mills, Oneida County, the former home of the family, where several generations of Judge Clark's ancestors have passed their lives. There he attended the country schools until 16 years of age, when he entered the Whitestown Seminary for a college preparatory course. In 1874 he entered Hamilton College, graduating in the class of 1878. After studying law two years he was admitted to practice and soon afterward went to Wayland. In 1892 he was elected district attorney, and in 1902 was appointed to serve the unexpired term of County Judge F. H. Robinson, who resigned. The same year he was regularly elected to the office.

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